



Robert J. Schillerstrom, DuPage County Board Chairman

How To Help ACCEPTING MONEY

American Red Cross
800-HELP NOW (435-7669)

America's Second Harvest
800-344-8070

Operation Blessings
800-436-6348

United Way of the DuPage Area
www.uwdupage.org

DONATIONS & VOLUNTEERS

Adventist Services 800-381-7171

B'nai B'rith International
888-388-4224

Catholic Charities 800-919-9338

Christian Disaster Response
941-956-5183

Christian Reformed World Relief
800-848-5818

Convoy of Hope 417-823-8998

Feed the Children 800-525-7575

Lutheran Disaster Response
800-638-3522

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
800-872-3283

Salvation Army 800-SAL-ARMY

Southern Baptist Disaster Relief
800-462-8657 ext.6440

United Methodist Relief Committee
800-554-8583

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DuPage County Office of Homeland Security
& Emergency Management

Special Needs Residents Asked to Register on Website Enables First Responders to Help Disabled During Emergencies

The DuPage County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management is asking all residents with special needs to register through the County's Citizen Corps Program.

By knowing in advance if a resident has special needs or requires special assistance, first responders will be in a better position to speed assistance to the disabled during an emergency.

The County is maintaining a confidential, special needs database that will be shared with local police and fire departments.

"While all citizens face difficulties during emergencies, people with disabilities and their families face unique and difficult challenges," stated Robert J. Schillerstrom, Chairman of the DuPage County

Board. "Providing assistance in times of emergency to those who need a little extra help is a top priority for the County's network of emergency management personnel."

Anyone with a disability, which may impact their safety during an emergency, should register with the County's Citizen Corps Program at www.citizencorpsdupage.org.

Friends and family of the disabled are asked to help spread the word to get everyone registered.

Examples of people who register are those who require a wheelchair and live or work in a high-rise building, someone who is deaf or requires information about evacuation via "closed captioning" or other technology or a person with mental illness or with a cognitive disability who would require special care in an emergency.

For more information go to <http://www.citizencorpsdupage.org>